

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.2441 ha** in Kannala Reserve Forest of Peddapally District for laying of Natural gas pipeline under City Gas Distribution project by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hyderabad -in favour of M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Limited”. – **In-principle (Stage.I) approval** – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.46

Dated:30.05.2023

Read the following:-

- 1.Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28-03-2019 and amendments issued therein.
- 2.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/110/022- FCA Section, Dated: 24.01.2023.

O R D E R

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for “Diversion of **0.2441 ha** forest land in Kannala Reserve Forest of Peddapally District for laying of Natural gas pipeline under City Gas Distribution project by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hyderabad - in favour of M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited”.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India in the letter 1st read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1st read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** for “Diversion of **0.2441 ha** forest land in Kannala Reserve Forest of Peddapally District for laying of Natural gas pipeline under City Gas Distribution project by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hyderabad -in favour of M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited”., subject to compliance of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an appropriate interval at the cost of User Agency.
- iii. The Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.50 ha in degraded forest land in Kannala RF, Compt.No.709 of Kannala beat, Ramagundam Range of Peddapally District. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- iv. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wages rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years and the scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

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- v. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land measuring **0.2441 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- vi. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect;
- vii. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department, if any are to be felled in the proposed area of diversion.
- viii. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in//>
- ix. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck / debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;
- x. Width of the trench proposed for laying LPG pipeline & OFC shall not exceed 2 meters. Depth of the trench shall be as per the standard specification for laying of LPG pipeline and the User Agency shall display signage/Caution boards at appropriate places for safety and awareness;
- xi. The User Agency shall monitor the LPG pipeline at regular interval to ensure safety and to avoid any accident. The User Agency shall submit such monitoring reports to the DFO concerned;
- xii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiv. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camp outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora and fauna;
- xv. The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.2441 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xviii. Compliance report on the above conditions shall be processed and submitted through e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in//>).

xix. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules/guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SANTHI KUMARI,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FOREST).

To
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The Regional Officer(Central),
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.